

I voted Yes on H.R. 3521, the Expedited Legislative Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act.

This bill would give any President the authority to specify spending reductions in appropriations (spending) bills passed by the House and Senate for a "line-item veto." Importantly, the reductions would have to be subject to quick Congressional approval. Congress would still have to approve or reject the specific spending veto identified by the President. If Congress approves the cut through subsequent legislative action, the savings would be devoted to deficit reduction.

This line-item veto authority only extends to discretionary federal spending, not mandatory programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. It would serve as an important tool for the President to work with Congress to reduce wasteful spending and address our ongoing debt and deficit problems.

I support a legislative line-item veto to target wasteful spending in a transparent manner while preserving Congressional oversight of the appropriations process and protect against overreach by the Executive Branch.

The bill was approved by a vote of 254 – 173.